



## North Carolina Youth Soccer Association

Executive Board Conference Call

November 8, 2011

Conference Call 12:00

### ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

POSITION	NAME	ROLL CALL
PRESIDENT	KEITH PRICE	PRESENT
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	STEVE HALSTEAD	PRESENT
SECRETARY	JANICE DRIMER	PRESENT
TREASURER	BILL POLK	NOT PRESENT
VICE PRESIDENT RECREATION	JUNE TUTTERROW	NOT PRESENT
VICE PRESIDENT CHALLENGE	JIM HOFFER	PRESENT
VICE PRESIDENT CLASSIC	JOHN RHYNE	PRESENT
VICE PRESIDENT TOURNAMENTS & TRAVEL	JEFF THOMAS	PRESENT
VICE PRESIDENT PLAYER & COACHING DEVELOPMENT	ART REX	PRESENT

### ACTION ITEM

President Keith Price said he had received a call from CASL about their U14 girl's team who is playing in ECNL. The team said they were not getting enough matches in their current league and asked about playing in the NCYSA league. Mr. Price told them they would be welcome to play and that all new teams must start in 2<sup>nd</sup> Division as required by NCYSA rules. The CASL team asked for confirmation that playing in the NCYSA 2<sup>nd</sup> division would allow them to enter State Cup. Mr. Price told them "yes," they would be eligible and would be seeded according to NCYSA State Cup rules, including play in games if necessary.

Mr. Price said after giving this some thought and talking with some Executive Board members about the possible impact on the Division 2 teams, he suggested the following alternative:

- Have the CASL ECNL team play in the NCYSA U14 Premier league.
- Matches played would not count toward W-L records and would have no bearing on the seeding for State Cup of those teams that are currently in the Premier League.
- Current teams in the Premier League would not be forced to play the CASL ECNL team.
- CASL ECNL team would have to convince at least 4 teams to play them in the spring season in order for the 4 league game requirement for entry into the state cup to be met.
- CASL ECNL team must schedule a match with all teams in the NCYSA U14 Premier League that wants to schedule them. (CASL ECNL can't schedule just 4 matches to meet the requirement and not schedule the others if they want to play them)
- CASL ECNL will be the last seed in State Cup (This is the same result they would face if they played D2 and then entered the NCYSA USYS State Cup) and will have to play any play-in matches that may be required.

He also said he would extend the same opportunity to CSA as they too have a U14 ECNL team and that he would have to extend the same opportunity to the associations that have U14 Boys Pre-Academy teams that are playing with US Club Soccer.

Open discussion was held. Concern was expressed that allowing the above alternative would be going against our current NCYSA rules and could possibly set a precedent for future requests not

in keeping with the NCYSA rules. The potential of having lopsided scores was addressed and the comment was made that our current playing divisions may also have lopsided scores between the top and bottom teams in those divisions.

Per page 17 of the NCYSA classic manual, the rule for new teams states:

**New Teams Entering in Mid-Year**

Sometimes, new teams form during the winter months to play in the Spring Classic league, while the rest of the division played in the Fall and Spring. New “Spring only” teams are only guaranteed four (4) matches and will play in the second division.

Mr. Price called for a vote to either uphold the current NCYSA rule or allow the alternative suggested above. By a vote of 5-1 the NCYSA Executive Board voted to uphold the NCYSA rule.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janice Drimer*

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